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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 699X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, Tennessee**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated November 2, 2010 (and received by the Board on November 8, 2010), from Mr. Anthony Casteel on behalf of the City of Athens, Tennessee (the "City") to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline (the "Extension Request") with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.¹

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the City, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the City.

Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until May 4, 2011) to continue negotiations with the City. CSXT also respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to July 3, 2011.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Anthony Casteel

¹ The most recent extension of the NITU negotiating period expired on November 5, 2010 and the current deadline for consummating the abandonment is January 4, 2011.